

THE BRITISH COLONIST.
Tuesday Morning, Dec. 29, 1868.
TO ADVERTISERS.
Transient Advertisements must be paid for in advance to insure insertion.
TO AGENTS.
Settlements of accounts will be required monthly, or the supply of papers will be discontinued. The daily and weekly issues will be furnished at the lowest cash rates and no exception will in future be made to this rule.
For interesting Reading Matter see 1st page.

Two questions vitally affecting the public health, and which from time to time have agitated the popular mind, should not be lost sight of by the Council during the current session. We allude to the want of a plentiful supply of pure water, and the adoption of a proper system of drainage for the city. At the present time, when all the private wells are filled to overflowing, and the rays of the sun are not sufficiently powerful to create the mephitic gases which have been found so destructive of human life, the evils of which we speak are not felt to so great an extent as during the summer season. But, in common with other citizens we have no desire to again inhale the miasmatic odors emitted by pools of green, stagnant water in our streets, nor to see our little ones cut down by diphtheria and other diseases—the origin of which can be directly traced to the use of bad water and imperfect drainage. In the city of Boulogne, France, where diphtheria first made its appearance, and baffled the skill of the first physicians, its cause was for a long time a question of uncertainty; but at last it was discovered that families residing on the line of dirty streets suffered most severely from the ravages of the new disease, while those inhabiting the more cleanly suburbs escaped comparatively free. The result was that an admirable system of sewage was introduced and diphtheria is now scarcely known within the limits of the city where it originated. In London, on the occasion of a visit from the cholera some years ago, it was noticed that the epidemic raged most furiously in a particular neighborhood. Scores of men, women and children were attacked, and in nearly every case the attack proved fatal. The attention of the health officers was at last directed to the singular mortality in the neighborhood, and it was discovered that all who used water drawn from a certain well died. The well was examined, when the horrid fact was brought to light that a sink adjoining the well leaked badly, and that the gases impregnated the water to such a degree as to render it poisonous. Numerous instances of the pernicious results attendant upon a bad system of sewage and the use of impure water might be cited nearer home. There are persons who shun water drawn from wells in the vicinity of the cemetery as they would a pestilence; and if water drawn from that source be tainted, have we not excellent reason for supposing that water drawn from the locality whence we obtain our summer's supply is equally prejudicial to health? There has been too little attention paid to the hygiene of our city, and best means of preventing the occurrence and spread of disease; and citizens are as greatly to blame as the City and Colonial Governments for the present insufficient water supply, and the uncleanly state of the thoroughfares. To these two causes, we are persuaded, more than to any other, may be attributed the ravages of diphtheria in our midst during the past summer. For no purpose so good as an improvement in these respects could steps be taken by our local or colonial government, and to no better use could a surplus (if any) in the treasury be put. With a colonial guarantee of six per cent. per annum for a limited period, we are credibly informed that a company of capitalists stand ready to conduct water to the city, from Elk Lake in iron pipes. The estimated cost of the work is \$100,000; so, for a yearly guarantee of \$6000 for a limited number of years citizens will have placed within their reach the priceless boon of a plentiful supply of pure water at low rates; while, with this powerful auxiliary at their command, the City Fathers would experience little or no difficulty in inaugurating and maintaining a proper system of drainage, thereby increasing the public safety and adding to our attractions as a place of residence. We shall return to this subject again; being determined that if no steps are taken towards improving our sanitary condition, the neglect shall not come from a want of proper and timely warning on the part of the Press.

The French decimal system of coinage has been adopted in Spain.

New Advertisements.
For New Westminster.
Barnard's Express.
OUR EXPRESS FOR CARIBOO AND WAY PLACES
Will Close, this Evening, AT 4 O'CLOCK.
F. J. BARNARD.
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

THE BRETHREN OF THE LODGE
under this Jurisdiction are hereby summoned to attend the PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE, at the Masonic Hall, on TUESDAY, at 2 o'clock p.m., precisely, for the purpose of assisting at the burial of the late Worshipful Bro. J. W. Trahey.
By command of the Right Worshipful, the Provincial Grand Master, H. F. HEISTERMAN, Prov. Grand Clerk, de29 1
Masonic Hall, 20th December, 1868.

ESTATE OF WILSON & MURRAY.
A THIRD AND FINAL DIVIDEND
of THREE 947-1000 CENTS in the Dollar is payable at the office of Messrs. Sprout & Co., Store street, on or after the 30th inst.
JAMES A. MURRAY, M. T. JOHNSTON, (Per R. P. Trahey,) WM. WILSON, Trustees. de28
Victoria, V. I., 20th December, 1868.

POSTPONEMENT.
IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE death of Bro. J. W. Trahey, R. W. M. elect of Victoria Lodge, the annual Ball of Vancouver Lodge has been postponed until MONDAY, the 4th day of January next.
By order of the Committee, H. F. HEISTERMAN, Hon. Secretary. de28

Barnard's Express.
OUR NEXT EXPRESS FOR CARIBOO will close the evening prior to the sailing of the "Enterprise" this week. Notice of day will be posted at the door of the office, Yates street. de28 F. J. BARNARD.

LOST.
ON THE NIGHT OF THE 10th INST., between Victoria and the Royal Oak, on the Seaside Road, A PACK OF BLANKETS, with underclothing, etc., inside. The finder will be rewarded on leaving the same at the London Hotel, Johnson street. de28-3

TO BE SOLD.
A DESIRABLE RESIDENCE, WITH a Couch-house, Stable, etc., on North Park street, commanding a view of the Gulf and Harbour. The House contains Parlor, Dining-room, 3 Bed rooms, Kitchen, Pantry, Scullery and Wood-house, and is one of the best built and most convenient in the city. Apply to T. ALLSOP, Land Agent, Government street, near Broughton, Victoria. de28-1m

Wanted to Purchase, for Cash
A COMFORTABLE DWELLING-HOUSE, suitable for a small family, in the city or suburbs of Victoria.
Apply to THOS. C. NUTTALL, Insurance and General Agent, Government street. de28 1w

FOR SALE,
THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE
Bee Hive Hotel,
Fort Street, Victoria, V. I.
Having a frontage of 42 feet on Fort by 62 feet on Broad street. Immediate possession given.
For particulars apply to H. H. BURNARD, Government st. de21 Or to EDWARD R. THOMAS, on the Premises.

FOUR GOATS,
TWO WHITE AND TWO SPOTTED,
are lost by the undersigned for damages inflicted upon his property.
Unless called for within three days from date, they will be sold by auction to the highest bidder.
A. H. GUILD, James Bay. de-25
Dec. 24, 1868.

ST. JOHN'S DAY.
ANNUAL GRAND BALL.
UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF THE
Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons of British Columbia, E. S.
THE MEMBERS OF VANCOUVER
Lodge propose to Celebrate the above day by a Ball, to be given at the
ALHAMBRA HALL,
On MONDAY, JAN. 4th.
Tickets to admit a Gentleman and Ladies, \$5 00.
Masons can obtain tickets for themselves and friends on application to the Committee.
COMMITTEE.
R. H. Adams, J. Lumley Franklin, H. B. W. Alkman, James Gillon, F. H. Lamb, H. F. HEISTERMAN, Hon. Secretary. de18

FIRE! FIRE!
BARGAINS IN
GENTS' CLOTHING
AND
UNDERCLOTHING,
To effect a Speedy Clearance of Stock saved from the late Fire.
CALL ON
J. Q. HEWLINGS,
(At his Old Stand),
Next to Site of Hotel de France, Government st., Victoria. de24 1m & w

Threshing Machine
FOR SALE BY THE UNDERSIGNED.
One Russell's 30 in. Separator, and Russell's 10 Horse Power and Jack, Complete.
FINDLAY & BURHAM, de12 1m

New Advertisements.
JUVENILE ENTERTAINMENT.
Grand Treat
AT THE
THEATRE ROYAL,
On Wednesday, 30th December, 1868, AT TWO O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON.
The famous story of
"Cinderella, and the Glass Slipper," Will be illustrated by the magnificent
Oxyhydrogen Magic Lantern [Kindly lent for the occasion by the Rev Mr. Jenius]
The Crystal Fountain, Mount Vesuvius And other Scenes, together with the
CHROMATROPE
Will be exhibited.
Admission—Adults, 50 cents; Children, 25 cents. Seats may be reserved on the previous day, 25 cents extra. Private Boxes, \$3.
Box Office open for reserved seats from 12 to 2. Tickets may be obtained from the following gentlemen, who act as a committee—Messrs R. Barnaby, Dr. Tuto, B. G. Alston, R. Woods, E. Marvin, and L. Franklin; also, at Messrs Ibbison & Co's. de25

The Amateur Theatrical Performance
TO BE GIVEN BY THE OFFICERS
of the Squadron on TUESDAY, the 29th inst., will take place at the THEATRE, instead of the Alhambra, as it will afford better accommodation for their friends. de25 1d

Cigars! Cigars! Cigars!
PRIZES TAKEN AT THE
PARIS EXHIBITION.
KEYSER & LOWENBERG
Have just received one of the FINEST ASSORTMENT of
CIGARS
EVER IMPORTED TO THE COLONY.
The BRANDS of the STOCK now offered by Messrs K. & L. at their STORE,
Alhambra Buildings, Government st., Took the Principal Prizes at the Late Paris Exhibition.
Connoisseurs would do well to give this Establishment a visit if they want a Real Genuine Article. de10

Ex Clara Light.
GRELLEY & FITERRE
Inform the public that they have received a large assortment of
Fine Goods
Consisting of:
Napoleon's Cabinet Champagne Wine
Bouche " " "
Gold Medal Dry
Very superior Sherry Wine, in case
Freller Claret
Viscount de Luz Claret, in case
ANGOSTORA BITTERS, in case
Boonekamp Bitters, in qr cks, &c., &c. de23 1m

CANDIES! CANDIES!
The undersigned has received, per "Continental,"
A WELL ASSORTED INVOICE OF
Candies!
Consisting in part of:
Gum Drops, Fordans, Sugar Toys, Snapping Mottoes, Cordial Almonds, and other kinds too numerous to mention, and would respectfully invite comparison between his imported Candies and those of home manufacture.
CAKES! CAKES!
Rich Fruit Cakes at 25 cents per lb. Cakes in endless variety and made to order.
Fruit! Fruit! Fruit!
Grapes, Oranges, Apples, Pears, Crystallized Fruit, Figs, Prunes, Nuts, &c., all to be sold at the lowest possible prices at
Mrs Levy's Bakery,
Fruit and Confectionery Depot,
GOVERNMENT ST., NEAR JOHNSON, de22
Adjoining the Arcade Oyster Saloon.

FLOUR.
Standard and Imperial Brands.
FOR SALE BY
THOS. LETT STAULSCHMIDT,
WHARF STREET. de1 1m

Oysters! Oysters! Oysters!
PIPER'S SALOON,
GOVERNMENT STREET.
A Constant Supply of FRESH OYSTERS during the Season.
Open NIGHTLY until 2 a.m.

New Advertisements.
CAKES! CAKES! CAKES
IN EVERY VARIETY FOR
Christmas Season!
—AT—
MURRAY'S BAKERY
de21 FORT STREET.

"Eureka."
EX 'CONTINENTAL.'
249,000 CIGARS
DIRECT FROM
H A V A N A,
HAVANA BRANDS.
Sarcia..... 10,000 Pas de Chl..... 20,000
Exception..... 10,000 Legitimidad..... 10,000
Punch..... 10,000 Arroyo Honda..... 5,000
Corajo..... 15,000 Rio Sella..... 7,000
Matilda..... 10,000 El Globo..... 5,000
Baltian..... 15,000 Cantiva..... 5,000
Rala..... 7,000 Henry Clay..... 10,000
Carrollan..... 10,000 Pania..... 5,000
Ulja..... 7,000 Estrella..... 7,000
Aquila de Oro..... 10,000 Marinas..... 7,000
Creta..... 7,000 Martinez..... 10,000
El Tado..... 15,000 Araguanga..... 7,000
Cabana..... 10,000
Samples can be had at the
ADELPHI CORNER.
FRANK CAMPBELL,
de18 HAVANA AGENT.

GREAT REDUCTION!
TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT.
Encourage Home Manufacture.

CANDIES,
Almonds, Gum Drops, Tondant's Cordial Drops, Chocolate Cream, Burned Almonds,
And other Kinds without end, will be sold at 75 cents per pound.
Wholesale Prices to Correspond.
FANCY HEARTS..... 75 cents.
"..... 60
"..... 37
"..... 12
Cheaper than in San Francisco.
A. W. PIPER,
de-18 1m GOVERNMENT STREET.

W. WILSON,
OPPOSITE POST-OFFICE,
Offers for Sale, CHEAP, the undermentioned Goods, from
ENGLAND & NEW YORK
Received by "PRINCE VICTOR" and last Steamer.

Mens' Clothing.
Suits—Blue Beaver, Brown Beaver, Yarra Tweed, Silk Mixtures, Blue Witney, Fancy Doe, Black Cloth.
Pants—Blue Beaver, Brown Beaver, West of England, Worsted Cord, Great Eastern, Fancy Tweed, Black Doe.
Vests—Black Velvet, Fancy Cashmere, Beaver, Silk Mixtures, Black Cloth.
Overcoats and Capes—Blue and Brown Beaver, Blue Witney.

Boys' Clothing.
Suits—Blue Pilot, Dark Tweed, Black Cloth, Harrison Grey.
Pants—Black Cloth, Mixed Tweed, Fancy Doe.
Inverness Capes—Blue Beaver; also
Boys' Baltic Shirts—White Shirts, Gloves, Collars, Neckties, &c.

Underclothing.
Welsh Flannel, French Flannel, Canton Flannel, Lamb's Wool, Shetland Wool, White, Grey and Fancy Striped Merino, Undershirts and Drawers.
Silk Shirts, White Shirts, Baltic Shirts, in many qualities, Tweed Shirts.

Hosiery.
Half Hose, Lamb's Wool, Shetland Wool, Handkerchiefs, Striped Wool, Plain, Fancy and Derby Ribbed Merino, Cotton Worsted.
Gloves—Kid, Goatkin, Buckskin, Driving, Ringwood, Wool, Kid-lined and Buck-lined Gloves and Mitts; also, Mufflers, Cashmere Squares, Wool Scarfs, Silk Scarfs and Neckties, in great variety.

Hats.
An Invoice of Townsend & Co's well-known English makes; also, a beautiful and complete assortment of the Latest American Styles direct from New York. de7

Clothing, Dry Goods, &c.
To Visitors from California, Oregon, the Sound, &c.
AT
VICTORIA HOUSE,
CORNER OF FORT AND DOUGLAS STREETS, VICTORIA, V.I.
Will always be found a Large and Choice Assortment of
Dress Goods, Mantles, Millinery, Flowers, Laces, &c
At very Moderate Prices, and of the Latest Styles.
The Goods being Imported from Europe by Express Monthly.
The usual Assortment of Staple Goods, such as:
White and Printed Calicoes, Flannels, Linens, Blankets, Ticking, &c., &c., also on Hand in Great Variety.
de27 **Wm. DENNY, Manager.**

Scotch House.
A. M'LEAN & CO.
Beg to intimate that their STOCK is now Complete, with a
LARGE AND CHOICE ASSORTMENT OF:
Clothing, Underclothing, Hosiery, GLOVES & HATS of every Description.
—ALSO—
BOYS' CLOTHING AND UNDERCLOTHING.
All of which are Imported direct, and which they offer remarkably Cheap. de3

CHRISTMAS
AND
New Year's Gifts.
The undersigned desires to inform the Public that he has lately received a Large Assortment of Goods,
Expressly for the Holiday.
CONSISTING OF
Gold and Silver Watches, CHAINS, Jewelry of the Latest Patns.
Silverware & Platedware
COMPRISING:
Tea and Coffee Sets, Cak Baskets, Napkin Rings, Cups, Lads' Port-monnais, Card Cases, &c.
Gilt & Bronze Parlor Mantel Clocks, OPERA & FIELD GIBSES, OPTICAL GOODS, &c.
Also, a great variety
FANCY ARTICLES,
ALL SUITABLE FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS.
The whole of which will sold
AT THE LOWEST PRICES.
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de1 CALL AND EXH.

WM. G. JANESEN,
(Next door to the Cold Hotel),
GOVERNMENT STREET.
Fellows, Rose & Co.
OFFER FOR SALE,
IN AND OUT OF BOND,
Ex "PRINCE VICTOR" and other recent arrivals from England.
Sauce, Worcestershire, "Lea & Perrin's," Pickles, "Morton's," 15 cases
Candles, Price's Patent, 150 bxs, 25 lbs. Matches, Wood and Wax.
Sardines, in qr and, in tins, 50 cases. Looking Glasses, brd sizes.
Leather, French, a large assortment, sold in any lot.
Lined Oil and Linens.
Paper Hangings, a large assortment, about 600 yds in a case.
Glassware—Cup and Pressed, Bar Tumblers, Wigs &c.
Shoe and Saddlery Thread, "Barbour's," Twine, assortments and colors.
Pick Steel, Jernson's & Naylor's, 12 cases, assd sizes.
Swedish Iron, assort sizes.
Tin Plates, 1 assortment.
Zinc, 18 cases, assort sizes.
R. G. and Copper Sheet, Bar and Hoop Iron, &c.
A Full Assortment always on hand at the Store, of Fish and American Hardware and other useful Goods, Electro-Plated Ware and &c. de8
de2 Agent ROSE'S PATENT TIRE UPSHIT

Notice of Removal.
VICTORIA NURSERY
AND
SEED ESTABLISHMENT.
MITCHELL & JOHNSTON,
PROPRIETORS
The Seed Business of the Firm is REMOVED to the
OCCIDENTAL BUILDING,
Corner of Government and Fort Streets.
M. & J. would respectfully invite parties about to plant to inspect their large stock (3000) of
FRUIT TREES,
Consisting of the most approved varieties of the
Apple, Pear, Plum, Cherry, etc.,
True to name
For health, vigour and growth the Trees are unequalled. Also, a fine lot of English Holly, Hawthorn, Standard & Dwarf Roses, and a General Nursery Stock.
THESE DEPARTMENTS are replete with the finest varieties of Seeds for the Farm and Garden, grown by the firm and imported. Among their fine selection of PEAS
M'LEAN'S LITTLE GEM, a wrinkled marrow, 1 foot;
M'LEAN'S ADVANCE, a wrinkled marrow, 2 1/2 feet;
And **BRIGLEHEAD,** a smooth kind, 2 1/2 feet, are the best and earliest for cultivation, are quite new and highly recommended.
NURSERY GROUNDS—Head of Fort st.
OCCIDENTAL BUILDINGS,
Government and Fort Streets. de21 2m & w
December 18th, 1868.

The undersigned begs to inform the Public that he has just received per Bark "RIVAL," a Large Supply of Assorted
FRENCH PRESERVES,
Such as
Green Peas, Green Beans, Mushrooms, Truffled Pastry, Truffles, French Vinegar, &c.
He has made such arrangements as to receive Fresh Supplies per Steamer Monthly, and offers them for Sale by Wholesale or Retail, at 50c per cent. Cheaper than they have hitherto been sold in this Market.
A. CASAMAYO.
Victoria, B. C., Oct. 30th, 1868. de31 3m

W. H. FRANKLYN,
Auctioneer, Real Estate Agent
AND
COMMISSION MERCHANT,
WHARF STREET, VICTORIA.
Advances made on Consignments of Merchandise, Stock and Produce. de10

Don't Get Burnt Out!
D. SPENCER
IS CLEARING OUT HIS
DAMAGED STOCK
OF
Books, Stationery AND TOYS.
—ALSO—
ALL THE NEW GOODS
PER "PRINCE VICTOR,"
AT LONDON PRICES,
FOR CASH ONLY.
FORT STREET, CORNER BROAD.
de11

RAILS AND POSTS TO SPLIT, AT
Gloverdale, V. I.
Apply on the Premises to A. J. TOLMIE, or in Town to STAFFORD & HICKIN, Butchers, Government street. de13

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Shipping Intelligence.
PORT OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

ENTERED.
Dec 26—Ship Native, Collier, W. Coast
Sch. Alar, Carleton, Vancouver
Sch. Hamley, Hollins, Nanaimo
Sch. Black Diamond, Riddle, Nanaimo
Dec 28—Sch. Cathlamet, Vine, Pender Bay
Ship Queen, Smith, San Juan
Ship Alar, Hunt, San Juan
Ship S. W. Hunt, Langford, Portland
CLEARED.
Dec 22—Sch. Matilda, Wharton, Port Townsend
Ship Alice, Hunt, Soke
Dec 24—Sch. Surpise, Christensen, Nanaimo
Dec 25—Alar, Carleton, Vancouver
Ship Hamley, Hollins, Nanaimo
Sch. Black Diamond, Riddle, Nanaimo
Sch. Cathlamet, Vine, Pender Bay
Ship Queen, Smith, San Juan
Ship S. W. Hunt, Langford, Portland

DEED.
In this city, on the 27th inst., of consumption, Wm. May Travers Bishop, aged 10 years and 11 months. The funeral will take place on Monday, at 10.30 a. m., from the residence of the parents, top of Johnson street.

County Court.
(Before A. F. Pemberton, Esq.)
Farron vs. Duros.—In this case the plaintiff sought to have a cow returned to him, the animal having been seized by the defendant for alleged damage to defendant's crops of vegetables and fruit trees. The case occupied a considerable time, and the evidence was very contradictory. After carefully weighing the evidence, his Honor decided that the defendant was entitled to \$10 damages.
Holness vs. Duros.—This was a similar action, in which the damages were assessed as in the foregoing—\$10 to defendant.
Mr. Drake conducted the cases for the plaintiffs and Mr. McCreight for defendant.
Ure vs. Lafont.—A suit for amount of board due for defendant and a boy for whom defendant became responsible. Judgment for plaintiff for amount claimed.
Ort vs. Powell.—This was an action arising out of the late election, in which plaintiff sued for the amount of certain refreshments furnished at his house to supporters of defendant at defendant's request. Defendant objected that he never authorized the plaintiff to supply the quantity of refreshments stated. Plaintiff asked for an adjournment to permit of witnesses being present. Adjourned accordingly till next Court.

The paintings (so to speak) by the new process "Oleography," are well worthy the attention of connoisseurs. Although in each case only copies, they have all the fidelity and finish of the originals. The coloring is very beautiful, being subdued or brilliant in exact proportion to the originals. The gems of art from which these paintings have been copied are of great value, and the present copies from their truthfulness are in every way calculated to replace them. A like opportunity rarely occurs in this Colony of securing really fine pictures for our drawing-rooms, and should on no account be missed. They are now on exhibition in the room at the rear of the *Morning News* office, and may be seen to-day and previous to the sale to-morrow. Mr. J. A. McCreight will sell the whole by auction on Wednesday at 11 o'clock.

A JURY summoned to-day to investigate the circumstances attending the death of an Indian under very suspicious circumstances, were dismissed till Wednesday, in order that the suspected parties may be looked after. The circumstances, as far as known, are simply these: About 12 days ago three Indians, a squaw and child, were assembled in a house that overhangs the bay. One of the Indians, a brother of the deceased, went out for some whiskey, and on his return he observed deceased was absent; about six or eight days afterwards the body of deceased was found in the salt water under the house, gagged and the legs firmly bound together, leaving no reason for doubt that deceased had been murdered. The chief evidence in the case is lodged in jail for safe keeping.

We must not forget that the exhibition of the Oxhydrogen Lantern takes place on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, when, we trust, there will be a strong muster of our juvenile population to witness the ever-exciting story of "Cinderella," and also a Tale of a Tub," produced by the magic power of this wonderful Lantern. The prices, we note by advertisement this morning, are reduced to suit everybody, the charge of admission for adults being 50 cents; children under twelve years of age, 25 cents. Let everybody go. The proceeds of the present exhibition are to be applied in purchasing the instrument for this city for purposes of education. This is an object in which all are interested, and should be warmly supported.

Among the importations per the G S Wright were 40 tons of wheat from Portland consigned to Mr. W. T. Armstrong, J. P. of New Westminster, to be ground into flour at that enterprising citizen's new grist-mill. It is to be regretted that sufficient wheat was not grown last year in the New Westminster district to keep at least one flouring mill at work; but the fault is one that we hope will be remedied during the coming season.

MURDER ON WHIDBY ISLAND.—Whidby Island, situated at the entrance to Puget Sound, and distant 35 miles east from Victoria, has just been the scene of an atrocious murder. Thomas Rowland, and his partner, (name not furnished), on Christmas Eve, became intoxicated, and during a quarrel which arose between them, Rowland shot and killed his partner. The perpetrator lies in jail at Port Townsend awaiting examination.

The steamer *Fly*, Capt. Frain, will sail for New Westminster this evening with freight and passengers.

CORNS.—An exchange says that one of its patrons has effected a cure of these troublesome excrescences by applying to them a good coat of gum arabic mucilage every evening on going to bed. He suffered with them for forty years, and tried nearly all the corn doctors and corn remedies in existence without relief, until he applied the above, which readily cured him in a few weeks.

TESTIMONIAL.—A very flattering testimonial was yesterday presented to Past Master M. W. Waitt by the Brethren of Vancouver Lodge through the Worshipful Master, who marked the occasion by an eloquent address, to which the recipient made a suitable reply. The testimonial consisted of an elegant gold Jewel.

VANCOUVER LODGE, No. 421 P. AND A. M., R. S.—The following officers of this Lodge were installed yesterday by Dr. Powell, Provincial Grand Master, to serve during the ensuing year:—S. Duok, R. W. M.; T. S. Al-latt, D. M.; A. Frinkel, S. M.; W. Jackson, S. W.; Wm. Dalby, J. W.; Jas. Gillon, Treasurer; R. B. Powell, Secretary; P. J. Hall, Tyler.

The funeral of Mr. James W. Trahey will take place to-day at 2 o'clock. All the Masonic Lodges in the city and sojourning Brethren have expressed an intention of following the remains to the Cemetery.

ANOTHER INVOICE.—Messrs. Lowe Bros. yesterday received from Saanich Inlet, ex steamer *Fly*, 8000 gallons of whale oil, taken by Dawson & Co., of Saanich Inlet. Mr. Dawson came with the oil.

The body of a Siwash with his throat cut, was found near the Rancherie yesterday morning, supposed to be the victim of some gambling quarrel. The inquest is postponed until Wednesday next.

A NIGHT-WATCH SERVICE will take place at the Wesleyan church, Pandora street, on Thursday evening next; 31st inst. The hour for commencement of service will 10 p. m.

The sloop *Leonede* returned from a trading cruise among the islands on Sunday. She reports the natives quiet and well disposed towards the whites.

BARNARD'S EXPRESS for Cariboo and way places will close this evening at 4 o'clock.

The steamship *Continental* sailed from Portland for San Francisco on Sunday.

The steamer *Active* sailed from Portland yesterday for Victoria.

A Spurious Napoleon—An Extraordinary Story.
In one of the numbers of the *Lantern*, Rochefort says that the belief that Napoleon III is the nephew of Napoleon I, and the son of Hortense, is, on the contrary, a journeyman bricklayer who, in 1846 struggled Prince Louis Napoleon at Ham, and now claims to be the Prince. "If my information is correct," says M. Rochefort, "the story of Prince Louis Napoleon's flight from the fortress of Ham is a mere invention. Scarcely had Prince Louis crossed the threshold of the fortress than the bricklayer changed his mind, rushed upon him, took the blouse and had from him, strangled him, led to England, and in 1848 returned to France to be elected President of the Republic.

On the 2d of December, 1851, he stained his hands with French blood, married the woman you know, and, happy at having changed his trowel for a scepter, he amused himself by dancing on the tight-rope of politics, without suspecting that there would be a day when his identity would be discovered and the most ignominious punishment for swindling in this manner be inflicted on him. He whom I pity most, of course next to ourselves, is the young and interesting Louis Bonaparte, whom that forger has deprived of his life, and whom he disgraces by doing the very reverse of what that young Prince had promised in his manifestoes.

This is the authentic history of the hero of Ham. And, in effect, the moment we know that a journeyman bricklayer is seated on the French throne we are able to account for everything—the incessant building mania, the needless appropriations, the demolition and rebuilding of the Tuilleries, the intolerable mania to mix up everything like lime, the plaster with which the Empress covers her face every morning, and finally the edifice whose coronation he promises us all the time, show plainly that a bricklayer is at the head of France. There is no reflection, however, which consoles my wounded self-love. Long before I made this terrible discovery, I had always asserted that such men as Barocche, Pinard, Walewski, Rouher, Persigny, and the like, were, at the most, fit to be bodaciers to a journeyman bricklayer.

FRED PAYNE has removed his Cheap Shaving Shop to the opposite side of Johnson street, just above the Miner's Saloon.

We should not suffer from a cough, which a few doses of AYERS' Cherry Pectoral will cure. Time, comfort, health, are all saved by it.

HAVE YOU seen the beautiful displayed Evening Costumes for the coming festivities and the Elegant Fancy Goods for Christmas Presents, at London House, Government street?

SELLING OFF TO CLOSE! Peremptory sale of Cloths, Vestings, Tailor's Trimmings, Navy Serge and Flannels, from the Navy Yard, bought at Auction and for Sale at Auction Prices.—D. KAUFMAN, Tailor, Yates street, Opposite Bank British North America.

Welcome, sweet "Clara Light," So opportunely to bring to light our HOLIDAY GOODS! Not "trifles light as air," Or slippery things as fall as fair, But good substantial Necessities.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's Dressing Cases, Work Boxes, Writing Desks, Pearl and Shell Companions, Pearl and Shell Card Cases, Jewel Case and Casket, Tatting and Traveling Bags, Portfolios, Photograph Albums, Handsome Gift Books.—T. N. HIBBER & Co.

The "Live Forever."
EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST:—What is this plant the "semper viva variety" of which you speak in your Tuesday issue? I apprehend it is the "Rose of Jerico." Anastasia Hirschbuntina of Botanists, natural order Brassicaceae, an annual common on the arid wastes of Egypt, Palestine, Barbary's sandy deserts, on the coast of the Red Sea, and on the coast of the Mediterranean Sea. The plant is called Maryane or Mary's Flower in Palestine, where it is said the flower first opened at the instant our Saviour was born, and paid homage to his resurrection by remaining expanded till Easter. The plant possesses strong hygrometrical qualities; if taken up when in a growing state, and kept entirely in a dry room it may be long preserved, and after being many years in this situation, if the root be placed in a glass of water a few hours the buds of the flowers will swell, open, and appear as if newly taken out of the ground. The common people of Palestine have many superstitions attached to this plant.

It was introduced into Mexico at an early date, and has since become perfectly naturalized there.

Cultivated in England by the curious in 1597.

H. M.

Austria.
BARON BEUST'S SPEECH ON THE ARMY BILL.
A Vienna letter in the *North Eastern Correspondence* gives a new version of Baron Beust's speech on the Austrian Army Bill. The correspondent says that this speech, like all those delivered by Baron Beust on questions of foreign politics, was very cautiously worded, but that it produced so strong an impression of alarm on the commission that the motion of Herr Reichbauer proposing to fix the effective strength of the army at 600,000 instead of 800,000 men, was at once rejected by a large majority. Baron Beust began by reviewing the policy of the previous year. Austria had several times been in such danger that she might have been exposed at any moment to an armed conflict, owing, among other causes, to the treaties concluded by Prussia with the South German States. The Vienna Cabinet strove in the midst of these difficulties to preserve its liberty of action, and considered that its interests did not demand that it should take any decisive step in any direction, or enter into any of the uncertain alliances which had been offered to her even on the part of Prussia.

Baron Beust added that he would make this "policy of expectation" his rule of action in future; at the same time, though taking every care to have her hands free in matters of foreign politics, Austria had been obliged to defend herself against all pressure from without, and against every tendency to interfere in her internal affairs, especially from the side of Russia. The Baron then alluded to the cordial relations which prevail between Austria and France. Austria was also on very friendly terms with England—but he regretted that Great Britain and the statesmen who now direct her policy have no longer a definite and clearly marked line of conduct, as had been the case in other times and with other Cabinets, the consequence of which is that the words which have been spoken in London in favor of peace no longer have the same weight as they would have had formerly.

As for Prussia, the Vienna Cabinet has as yet had no practical proofs of the friendliness she professes toward Austria. With Russia its relations are not unfriendly, but a certain coldness still prevails between the Courts of Vienna and St. Petersburg. In conclusion the Baron bioted that, though officially the relations of the Vienna Cabinet with the other Powers may be satisfactory, there is still much distrust between them, and that some of them show a very equivocal disposition toward Austria. "The peace of Europe is not at this moment threatened, but the situation requires Austria to be prepared for any unexpected conflict, or else, in case a general disarmament should be proposed, to support it with all the weight of an imposing military force."

New Zealand.
(Correspondence *Panama Star and Herald*.)
WELLINGTON, Oct. 8, 1898.
You will remember that in my last letter I told you news had just been received of a battle on the west coast, and of the loss of several of our best officers. Beyond fuller accounts of this there is little to tell, and except you want a string of yarns all of which have been, and are still, denied by the manufacturers of rival yarns, there is little even now to give. The truth is, it was a disastrous affair. The officer commanding, Col Macdonnell, employed a native guide, who either intentionally or accidentally led him astray, and after ten hours toiling through close bush and tall fern, up hills and down gulleys, he came upon the enemy when he and his men were down in a gully, while the Maories lined the sides. Our men, most of them raw recruits under fire the first time, and tired with a most fatiguing march were panic stricken and buddled together like sheep. The officers tried to lead them on and fell immediately. How any got out of the place is a mystery. Those who were present cannot say.

The Gold fields in Auckland are still drawing diggers. On the Thames there are now estimated to be 14,000 diggers. A few claims, where the reef has been struck, are doing splendidly.

There have been two Churches opened during the past month—one a very handsome Wesleyan church in this city, and the other a Catholic church at Turukia.

We have had a severe fire in New Plymouth, which destroyed several houses and damage to the extent of £10,000 or £12,000.

A laughable incident occurred a few nights ago here, at a ball at the elite only were present. Among others, Mete Kingi, one of the Maori representatives, a savage who can't speak English; and how to make himself bearable should use unlimited quantities of *Eau de Cologne*, was present. He moved about so carelessly speaking, but at last seeing a lady with very fine arms which were bare a little above the elbow, he went up to her and pointing to her arm said "Kaipai, kaipai, fat" (good, good, fat) at the same time smacking his lips longingly.

Miscellaneous Items.
The Hartford *Courant* speaks of an unassuming Windsor (Ct.) Democrat who went to the headquarters on Wednesday night, to learn the result. Just as he got to the foot of the stairway leading to the rooms, he was accosted by one of the faithful, who said: "The State has gone for Grant." "By golly to thunder; gosh darn it all; my stars, you don't tell me so!" "Yes, and that ain't the worst of it—New Haven has gone back on us!" "No, thunder and lightning, you don't tell me so!" "Yes, and that ain't the worst of it; Pennsylvania is all one way for Grant." "Hang my garters, blazes and gimblets, you don't tell me so!" "Yes, and that ain't the worst of it; Ohio cleans us out all through." "Ohio does? I'll be horn swoggled, gingerbread and scissors to grind, you don't tell me so!" "Yes, and that ain't the worst of it; everything is against us; we are completely flaxed out everywhere!" "Is that so? Condemn the god blasted luck, by jiminy thunder; darn it all to—to—to. I swan to—darn it all—gol blast—you don't tell me so!" At last accounts the old chap was heading homeward.

The Figaro says: "A rumor was current lately that M. Marfori had left for Brussels to demand satisfaction from M. Rochefort for some offensive remarks in a number of the *Lanterne*. We had not adverted to this subject from the fear of circulating a statement without foundation. We however have now received a letter from Brussels which leaves no doubt on the subject. The intendant of the ex-Queen is in Belgium, and intends to send his seconds to Rochefort." The *Liberte* states that a duel with pistols took place yesterday between Rochefort and Marfori, and that the former had his right collar bone broken.

The newest trade for the fashionable world is the hiring of fruit for grand banquets. In the same way as people hire crystal for balls, outgrown apples and pears, prize melons, etc., are hired for the central piece. As soon as the banquet is over the speculator removes his fruit, and it is next day on some other aristocratic board. It would be very unfortunate for all parties if a lady, in a position when wishes are uncontrollable, should take a fancy to one of these hired pears.

An interesting discovery has just been made at Paris of a portrait of Marie de Medici, of the date of 1602, when the Queen was twenty-eight years of age. Her Majesty is represented in the florid style of Rubens, with a large collar of guipure on her neck, half covering a necklace of white pearls, to which is attached a cross in bright steel over a dark silk moiree dress, with a band set with precious stones round the waist. The blond hair is crisped and rolled round the head and surmounted with a small black cap. The eyes, of a bluish gray, are full of life and impart great animation to the picture. The treatment of the accessories and the execution of the work leave no doubt that it is the production of the younger Porbus.

A piece of ground, of nearly three acres in extent, has been secured in Westminster, near Buckingham Palace, and the splendid range of buildings now in course of erection on the Belgravian estate of the Marquis of Westminster, and upon which it is intended to erect a cathedral for 'the disease of Westminster,' as a memorial of the late Cardinal Wiseman. On the completion of the cathedral, the remains of the Cardinal who now lie in St. Mary's Cemetery, Kensal-green, will be removed to the chapel to be built for their reception. Meanwhile, Mr. Pugin has been commissioned to furnish a design for the shrine which is to cover the grave in the cemetery.

The *Roman Correspondence* says—The excavations along the Tiber have not only given Baron Visconti during the week, some enormous blocks of rare marbles, such as African and Capelin, but have led to the discovery of a new quay in a perfect state of preservation.

CANDIES! CANDIES!—If you wish to get unadulterated Candies go to HARRY WALLER'S, Port street; he has got a splendid assortment of English Confectionery, including Fig Paste, the only Store in town that has got it. Also, Gum Drops and Rock Candy, of a quality superior to any ever made by Confectioners in this Colony. They are free from all coloring and deleterious ingredients of any sort. Please call and examine before making your purchases, and judge for yourselves.

ANTI-DIVORCE, is the name of the newest style, Gentle Neck Tie; these together with a Large Stock of Winter Clothing, Beaver Suits, Pants, Hats, Caps, Shaker and Oregon Underclothing, Boys' Suits, Shirts, Socks, &c., have just been opened out at ADAMS & BEAVER'S New Clothing Store, Government street, which they are selling cheap as usual.

We direct the attention of the public to the excellent and varied stock of home-made CANDIES for the Holidays at PIPER'S STORE, Government street. The principal difference between these candies and those imported is their entire freedom from the pernicious ingredients and colorings so injurious to children, which the latter often contain.

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By this process an exact copy is obtained, and they have been sold at extravagant prices throughout Europe and America.
This being the first Invoice of real works of art ever imported to this colony the Auctioneer particularly calls the attention of all amateurs to the Fine Arts to the same, and for this purpose the rooms will be thrown open to the public for inspection on Monday and Tuesday, the 28th and 29th inst. de25

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